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Column One by David Courtney

Oil is the third World Power

Power, there are sovereign nations whose existence is a petty cash entry in the books of one or more of the oil companies. There is no sovereign nation large or small, this side of Communism, which has not been paying through the nose to keep the oil despotisms sweet. In greater or lesser degree these facts have been tacitly acknowledged for a long time and now they are being protested against. In effect, acknowledgment and protest are contained in the U.S. Senate Committee's official report, published on Saturday, the findings of which indicate that a world empire of oil is controlled by seven integrated companies whose combined assets run into astronomical figures and whose combined annual profits would be almost enough to pay for the French re-armament programme. The protest in this case is against a monopoly body whose earnings price system compels governments and whole nations to pay scores of millions of dollars more for their annual supplies of oil than they have any business to pay.

THE United States Govern-

ment, which pays the biggest of the tributes demanded by the oil despot (Anglo-Iranian and Royal Dutch) is listed in the report with Standard and Suez Canal, has become a reactive about it and has caused the official inquiry to be made under the terms of the anti-trust laws. The findings will be studied by a Federal Grand Jury next month. By way of a curiosity, the U.S. Government has brought suit against four of the oil companies with the object of recovering overcharges to the tune of \$7 million dollars. In their way, the civil suits filed by the U.S. Attorney General, and the report issued by the Senate Committee, are of high social significance and in that measure, perhaps, rank with Persia's defiance of the oil interests.

NOW and then the Americans

urged by whatever motive, bring to the glaring light of an American day some huge public wrong: the most important people in the world where money-making methods are concerned, this is a line of which the American ends, and the wronging of the United States is a world pain in need of saving grace is that when it comes upon an obvious evil it takes obvious steps to expose it; and the exposing of the evil is at any rate part of the way towards getting rid of it. Neither Attorney General McGrath nor the Federal Grand Jury is likely to humble the supreme presumption of the oil empire; but public inquiry of this kind on top of the ugly conflict with Persia (which emboldened the United Kingdom and threatened the peace of the world) must shake a little their self-confidence.

WAR, and war preparations,

are, of course, a source of tremendous power to the oil companies. The expenditure of the taxpayers' money on warships, aircraft, tanks and every other wheeled, winged or keeled instrument of war, means the expenditure of billions of dollars; and the plain fact is that no one can go to war or stand up to someone who does go to war unless oil flows freely to his tanks, gives the oil companies more power than is good for them or for any combination of private individuals. If the American Government can break only a part of that power the whole world will benefit. That it can only be a part is evident from the fact that the Senate's report has been held up for a year in order to prevent its giving comfort to potential enemies. There are still potential enemies ready to take comfort; and from that, no doubt, the oil companies themselves will take comfort.

Gov't Income IL.3.5m.

On Food Sales

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Ben Joseph, told the Knesset yesterday that Government income from sale of food had totalled IL.3,500,000.

The sum accrued from butter, milk powder, egg powder, cheese, tinned meat and other commodities.

The money was appropriated for subsidies as follows: flour, IL.1,800,000; sugar, IL.2,000,000; barley, IL.1,000,000; meat, IL.500,000; other foods, IL.200,000.

Mapam-Maki Bid To Bar Foreign Firms Defeated

Post Parliamentary Correspondent

A move in the Knesset designed to bar concessions to foreign companies for oil prospecting in Israel was defeated last night when the House voted down motions by Mapam and the Communists which were designed to give exclusive rights to an Israeli national company.

During the proceedings, the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, said that the Government was determined to offer equal opportunities to serious investors, both Israeli and foreigners.

The first five articles of the Petroleum Bill were passed last night in the Knesset and it is hoped to complete the remaining 78 today. Opposition to foreign concessions underlined the series of minority motions by Dr. Moshe Shapira (Mapam) and Mr. Meir Wilner (Communists) all of which were easily defeated, and the battle will be joined today, when the same pair are expected to press more minority proposals on other clauses. However, it appeared certain last night that the bill's passage would be easy.

As the bill returned to the

House from the Finance Committee yesterday, it extended the powers of the Petroleum Board and curbed the authority of the proposed Petroleum Commission. Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Minister of Finance, said that the Board should require the approval of the parliament. The Finance Committee, but this proposal was voted down.

The main version inserted by the Finance Committee states that in certain cases the Petroleum Commissioner may not act contrary to the recommendations of the Board unless he gains the approval of the Minister of Finance. Another change was that the Board should comprise nine persons with a majority of members of the public and a minority of State officials. In the original version, there were five members with four members with parity for public representatives and State officials.

As Lavon's statement, there

were heated exchanges across the House between the Minister of Finance, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, and Mr. Meir Wilner, Minister of Agriculture, who said that the proposed law was a "bill of intent" to prevent the Government from extending loans for the construction of a new settlement for its Mapam members. Mr. Lavon said that the Ministry of Agriculture was not authorized to make such loans. Mr. Wilner said that the Ministry of Agriculture was not authorized to make such loans.

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Food Supply Situation Best

In Two Years, Says Gov't

Food supplies have been more stable in the past two months than in the past two years, Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. He spoke in connection with the favourable terms under which 100,000 tons of wheat and 10,000 tons of flour were purchased in the U.S.A. last week.

The present capacity of the country's mills approximately covers its entire flour consumption. The Ministry decided to buy some flour, however, to build up reserve stocks in case one of the mills breaks down temporarily. Moreover, in December, two mills will start producing special "Pasha" flour and will therefore not be producing for current consumption. The 10,000 tons of flour will be shipped to Israel in two 5,000-ton shipments and it is possible that a third shipment of the same size will be ordered later.

B.G. Sees Navy Begin Games

By Ted R. Lurie

ABOARD A NAVAL LAUNCH, Monday. — The Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben Gurion, landed at Haifa this morning after an all-night run aboard this launch concluding a three-day cruise with the Israeli Navy that took him across the Eastern Mediterranean. Dressed in khaki trousers and shirt which have become familiar at manoeuvres of the Defence Forces, he had with him the Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Yigael Yadin, and their aides, sailing in four different vessels of different types and sizes.

Early on Friday morning, the party boarded the frigate, the flag ship of the Blue Task Force. The blue pennant of the Defence Minister with its State Seal in the lower right hand corner was raised to the ship's mast as she sailed out to meet her companion ships of the Blue Task Force, a pre-arranged rendezvous. On a beautifully calm sea under a cloudless blue sky, the voyage was uneventful as the streamlined warship plied northwest to overtake the slower corvettes. The quiet was broken only by the frequent orders given over the loudspeakers to the crew and alarm drills summoning them to battle stations for gunnery practice.

Board Corvette

Just after sunset on Saturday, Mr. Ben Gurion and his party were taken off the frigate in a torpedo boat and transferred to a corvette as the flagship sounded long far-well blasts of her siren. The Minister's flag was run up on the corvette as she turned about and sailed towards Haifa. Before leaving the frigate, the guests had attended Sabbath assembly of the ship's company in the late afternoon, and the skipper altered his course westward which provided a manoeuvre for the ships in the line and at the same time took the sun out of the eyes of the guests on the aft deck.

I met the party on board

the corvette in which I had sailed off from Haifa and accompanied them on the return voyage. The corvette proved a little more cramped than the flotilla leader had been, but was made comfortable by enough for the official party who enjoyed another calm day of cruising until Sunday after-

Mapam Wants Half Credits Needed For

Of En Harod Vital Industries

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A proposal to divide Kibbutz En Harod along a wall bordering the site of the present settlement on the east, with the construction of a new settlement for its Mapam members, was approved by the Mapam representatives of the Agricultural Workers' Union Settlement Department which met here last night.

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MODERN MILL IN ISOLATED SPOT

Israel's most modern flour mill will be built in a few weeks, but it was feared that when winter begins it will be too late to clear drive, a Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said yesterday. The mill has been built on a hillside in the Judean Desert, and there is no road to it. When the winter season begins it will be impossible to transport. The mill has a capacity of 10,000 tons daily.

Artillery Salvoes Greet Hussein's Return Home

AMMAN, Monday (Reuters). — Artillery salutes, victory arches and cheering crowds greeted Jordan's schoolboy King Hussein when he flew in from Switzerland today with his mother Queen Zein.

Manoeuvres to Test Coast Defences

The third phase of the summer manoeuvres of the Israel Defence Forces began on Friday with a naval exercise. An Army spokesman said that the manoeuvres were designed to test the methods of attack and defence of coastal defences. The Prime Minister and the Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Yigael Yadin, were on board the ship. The manoeuvres were conducted in the Mediterranean Sea. The ship was accompanied by several other vessels. The manoeuvres were successful.

Welcomed in Zarka

Forty kms. further south hundreds of cars gathered in the town of Zarka with members of the Regency Council, Ministers, members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. Arab and foreign representatives, given waiting to greet the King and Queen Mother. They were greeted by Prime Minister Tawfik Abdul Noda.

Syria Accepts U.N. Refugee Scheme

Syria, which among the Arab States, most violently opposed the UNRWA plan for the resettlement of Palestinian refugees, has followed Jordan in declaring herself ready to permit refugees to choose the country they wished to stay in, said a "return home" spokesman today.

According to WEAH, Syrian Foreign Minister Saad Rida said that although Syria insists on the return of the refugees to their homes it would consider a temporary scheme aimed at improving their lot. This statement is described by ANA as the first of its kind from Syria, indicating that she has accepted the UNRWA plan.

Citrus Board, Gov't Fail to Reach Accord

The Citrus Marketing Board has decided to postpone the departure of its mission to Europe, as no agreement was reached yesterday on the subsidies to be given to the exporters by the Government. It was learned in Jerusalem last night.

Last year citrus exports totalled 1,700 tons and the Government wants to increase exports to 20,000 tons. At a meeting yesterday with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, the representatives of the Board demanded a 500 per cent subsidy on each case up to last year's 1.75 million limit and an H.I. subsidy on each case above that limit.

To Pay More

The Government representatives agreed to pay H.I. on each case above last year's exports, but declined to pay more than 20 per cent per case under the limit.

High sources of the Ministry of Agriculture told the Post last night that in view of the favourable reports received on the situation on the foreign markets, the H.I. subsidy was not payable.

Dismissals Reported At Kaiser-Frazer

HAIFA, Monday. — A substantial number of workers have been dismissed by Kaiser-Frazer here, following a drop in the foreign currency allocation for the import of parts from the U.S.

On the advice of visiting production experts from the U.S., work in the plant has been re-organized to economize on labour and to make Israel-made cars more competitive on the international market.

A new assembly line is now being installed for the manufacture of Mack trucks.

British to Destroy Retentive Village

SINGAPORE, Monday (Reuters). — British troops today ordered destruction of the north Malayan village of Perakong, which was said to be a centre of resistance to the British.

50 Saved, 3 Dead In British Plane Crash

TRAPANE, SICILY, Monday (Reuters). — Fifty people were saved from a sinking British airliner which plunged into the Mediterranean near here just before dawn today.

Three passengers were drowned — two of them small children whose parents survived — and four are missing, including the wife and 12-month-old son of another survivor.

The survivors, nearly all Britons, fought their way from the water-logged fuselage and swam around, or clung to scattered wreckage till boats from the shore reached them.

Nationalist Guerrillas Raid China Mainland

TAIPEI, Formosa, Monday (Reuters). — The Chinese Nationalist Defence Ministry announced today that Nationalist guerrillas had made a successful seaborne raid on the Chinese mainland south of Shanghai and had returned to Formosa with 120 prisoners.

The raid was on the Communist port of Kienchenwei, 200 miles south of Shanghai, where the guerrillas attacked a six-day operation.

EX-MUTTI WARNS OF ISRAEL ESPIONAGE

The ex-Mutti issued a statement in Beirut yesterday warning Arab States to beware of increased Israeli espionage, ANA reported.

The group, which is led by Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Vice-President of the H. I. A. Drive, was greeted by loudspeakers, in Hebrew and English, and a big band.

Mr. Montor was dressed in a military uniform and was accompanied by several other men in military uniforms.

Israel Bonds Are Americans' Biggest Loan Abroad

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Since the launching of the Bond Drive in the U.S. by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion on May 14, 1951, \$143m. worth of bonds have been sold, \$44m. worth for cash, Mr. Samuel Rothberg said today. Mr. Rothberg was spokesman for a delegation of 21 American business and communal leaders who form a planning commission for this year's campaign. They arrived here by Air France today. Five other members are due during the coming week.

\$1,000m. INVESTED SINCE 1948

The sum of \$1,000m. has been realized in investments in Israel during the past four years, Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, told the visiting Bond Drive leaders at a reception at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem last night. Two-thirds were in the form of gifts, grants, private investments and short term loans from abroad, while one-third was raised locally.

The planning commission is here at the time, because of the importance of the responsibility of sharing the proceeds of the Bond Drive, which will begin next month.

The plans bringing the party

to Israel arrived here two hours late, as the plane was diverted to Cyprus because of thick mist over Haifa. The members left for Jerusalem, where they are tonight due to meet Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. They will tour Jerusalem factories tomorrow and visit Beersheba, and then return to Haifa on Thursday. The group will be guests of the Israel Defence Forces on Friday. Next week they are due to meet Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, the U.S. Ambassador, and the U.S. A. Administration. Mr. Rothberg will also inspect industrial undertakings in Tel Aviv and Haifa next week.

US, Italy to Buy Persian Oil

HAMBURG, Monday (Reuters). — Persia has concluded her first oil agreement with the U.S. and Italian Governments and is selling them her oil at 20 per cent below world market prices. It was revealed here today by Senator Hussein Makki, Secretary General of the Persian Oil Nationalization Board.

Nagib Insists On Party Purges

CAIRO, Monday (Reuters). — General Mohammed Nagib insisted again tonight that Egypt's political parties should purge themselves as the armed forces had done.

The Army C-in-C told a press conference that the aim of the purge movement was to lead the country to constitutional stability and reiterated that the Army's main concern was the maintenance of public security. "This is the basis of our movement," he said.

General Nagib said that about 150 officers had been removed from the armed services in the purge.

Egypt's powerful Wafd Party, one of the main targets of both army and popular demands for a clean up, has already taken steps to rehabilitate itself. A fortnight ago, the Wafd's Executive Committee expelled 13 members, including three former Cabinet Ministers. But this move has not satisfied either the Army or popular opinion, which regards the dismissed Wafdist as "small fry."

Nahas' Stand

Veteran Wafd leader Mustafa Nahas declared last week that only members found guilty of corruption by Government purge commissions would be dismissed from the Party.

Today three Ministers, including the last Wafdist Government — Mohammed Fadl, Dr. Dine, Sultan Ghannam and Hussein el Guindi — called separately at the Presidency to the Council of Ministers and left statements of their wealth and property in accordance with the law of the origin of fortunes. Ghannam, who with Fadl, el Guindi, and Sultan Ghannam, were dismissed from the Wafd, have been driven, charged the anti-corruption drive, which Nahas has urged to prove that he had made illicit profits.

First Egyptian-Made Plane Reported

The production of the first Egyptian-made plane was celebrated in Cairo on Sunday, according to the Cairo Press. The plane was manufactured by Egyptian workers under the direction of German experts, the report said.

The aircraft plant was erected in 1948 immediately after the Palestine war and German experts helped the Egyptians in its construction and training of workers.

Temperatures Drop In Hill Areas

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The main force of the four-day shower (khamseen) shifted yesterday from the hill regions to the South. Temperatures dropped a few degrees in Jerusalem, Haifa and Mt. Lebanon, and remained static in the Coastal Plain. (See weather statistics in Post Bag, Page 3.)

The Meteorological Service at Lydda told the Post last night that temperatures would continue to drop slowly in the hill regions today, and remain the same in other areas.

Two persons were killed and

five were seriously wounded when a large quantity of explosives exploded in the 'M' of Adva Central on Sunday. The explosion occurred in the 'M' of Adva Central, which is a large building used for storage of explosives. The explosion was caused by a large quantity of explosives which had been stored in the building. The explosion was very powerful and caused a large fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by the fire department. The explosion was very powerful and caused a large fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by the fire department.

Greek Court Confirms Ambietelos Sentence

ATHENS, Monday (UPI). — The Greek military court of appeals today confirmed sentences of life imprisonment for M. Anthony Ambietelos, leader of the pro-Communist Greek Seamen's Union, and five associates accused of aiding Communist guerrillas during the 1947-49 civil war.

